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Former C.I.A. Official Pleads Guilty to Abusive Sexual Contact For Sexually Assaulting Woman After Rendering Her Unconscious On Embassy Property In Algeria

WASHINGTON - Andrew Warren, a 42-year-old former official with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), pled guilty today before the Honorable Ellen Segal Huvelle, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, to one count of Abusive Sexual Contact and one count of unlawful use of cocaine while possessing a firearm, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., and Ambassador Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary of State of Diplomatic Security.

At sentencing, which is scheduled for September 9, 2010, Warren faces a maximum sentence of 10 years of imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, a lifetime of supervised release and a requirement that he register as a sex offender for a period of at least 25 years. Under federal sentencing guidelines, Warren faces a likely sentencing range of 27 to 33 months in prison.

During the plea hearing, Warren admitted that on February 17, 2008, he committed abusive sexual contact while on U.S. embassy property in Algiers, Algeria, by engaging in sexual contact with a female victim after he rendered her unconscious. Additionally, Warren admitted that on April 26, 2010, he unlawfully used cocaine while possessing a Glock, 9 millimeter semi-automatic pistol in Norfolk, Virginia.

In announcing the guilty plea, Assistant Attorney GeneralBruer, U.S. Attorney Machen, and Ambassador Boswell praised the investigative work of Diplomatic Security Service Agents Greg Schossler, Scott Banker and Jared Campbell, the offices of the Inspector General and the General Counsel of the CIA, the United States Marshall Service in Norfolk, Virginia, members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and officers in the Norfolk, Virginia Police Department, along with Assistant United States Attorney Steve Haynie from the Eastern District of Virginia, Criminal Division Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section Trial Attorney Christine Duey, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Julieanne Himelstein, who are prosecuting the case.

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